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For: INTRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR MINIMALLY  
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE  
(37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. §708.02 IV)

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because applicant is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by the Applicant that he is over 65 years of age and a copy of his driver's license indicating his birthday.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c).

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DECLARATION

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Dear Sir:

I, Michael B. Miller, declare as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the invention disclosed in the U.S. Patent Application titled "INTRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS" filed herein.
2. I was born on 13 Dec 1938 in the United States of America.
3. Attached is a photocopy of my driver's license issued by the State of Indiana indicating my date of birth as 12/13/1938.
4. This showing of facts establishes that I am over the age of 65.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willfully false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Date

Michael E. Miller  
Michael E. Miller

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Subscribed and sworn to me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.


Sheryl E. Lambert  
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